States and Union Territories with the co-operation of nationalised, commercial banks and Regional Rural Banks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof since the last three financial years, banks, and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increase in banking strikes

624. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banking strikes have become a common feature in India these days;

(b) if so, the details of the bank strikes in the country during the last one year;

(c) the details of the loss suffered by the public as a result thereof; and

(d) how far the demands of the bank employees have been accepted to avoid such strikes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) In the past one year, strike calls were given by various unions/associations. First, majority of the State Bank of India employees went on strike from 3.04.2006 to 9.04.2006. Thereafter, there was one day strike each on 28.07.2006 and 27.10.2006, by all bank employees, in support of their demands.

(c) It is not possible to quantify the losses suffered due to strike.

(d) The negotiations were held by the Chief Labour Comissioner (Central) from time to time in this regard. However, the issues could not be resolved to the satisfaction of employees.

Loans disbursed to priority and non-priority sectors

625. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of loans disbursed to priority and non-priority sectors at the end of March, 2006;